CONVICT LAKE
Resort

Wonderful Vacation Fun . . .
For the Entire Family !

CONVICT LAKE has long been one of the most popular places in California's Eastern High Sierras. And, of course there is a reason. Trout fishermen usually have good results on Convict Lake—either from shore or by trolling or still-fishing from boats, Some of the trout are extremely big too—as large as 20 pounds, a real trophy.

The scenery is outstanding, too. The rugged peaks of the Sierras jut their way to the skies, above the cool, clear waters of Convict Lake—providing a wonderful setting for photo-taking, painting or "just plain looking and enjoying." It is hard to imagine more scenic grandeur than at Convict Lake.

In addition to the pleasures of fishing you will find unique geological formations, vegetation to interest the ecology minded visitor and above all, you will find superb and colorful scenery.

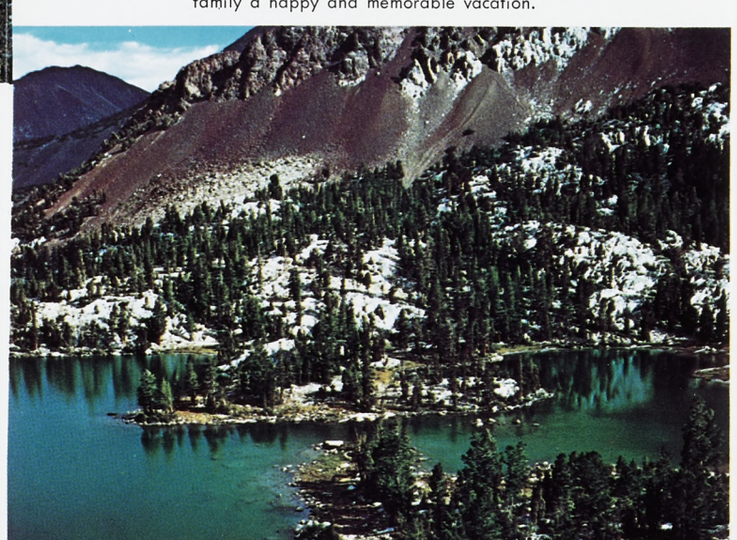
If you have never made a trip into the John Muir Wilderness, you have a wonderful thrill in store. Our surefooted horses and mules will take you to the fabulous high-country lakes where catching a limit of trout is as "easy as falling off a log." Here the air is cool and invigorating.

If you are a deer hunter and you and your party are looking for a place to headquarter during the hunting season, why not plan to stay at Convict Lake Resort?

Gourmet meals are served at the Convict Lake Resort restaurant. A snack bar has been added for your daytime convenience which supplements the completely stocked general store and tackle shop.

The centrally located and comfortable cabins nestle among the quaking aspen.

A pack trip into the Convict canyon backcountry will give your family a happy and memorable vacation.



There are nine other Sierra lakes to visit in Convict canyon—Mildred, Bright Dot, Dorothy, Bighorn, Lake Witsanapah, Constance, Genevieve, Edith and Cloverleaf.

HOUSEKEEPING CABINS—Clean, Comfortable, and Completely Furnished. Weekly rates.

RESTAURANT and COCKTAIL LOUNGE, SNACK BAR—We are proud of our really fine food served in the most pleasant surroundings.

GENERAL STORE—Groceries, Fishing Tackle, Camping Equipment, Souvenirs, etc. All your needs may be purchased here.

BOATS and MOTORS FOR RENT—Large, Safe, Clean Boats, and Dependable Motors. Dockage and Launching Ramp.

HORSES—Hour Rides, Day Rides, Spot Pack Trips Overnight all expense trips.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUNDS—Running water throughout the camping area and new restrooms (flush toilets) for your convenience.

ALSO WASTE DISPOSAL STATION

For Reservations—Phone 714—935-4213

Write CONVICT LAKE RESORT

Route 1, Box 204, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Prices subject to change without notice.

On a still and beautiful Sierra day you can renew your spirit in a peaceful spot like this lake where the reflection mirrors the surrounding trees and peaks.

WHY THE NAME "CONVICT LAKE"

The naming of Convict Lake and Creek dates back to an early California gun fight. On September 17, 1871 a group of 29 convicts—murderers, train robbers, horse thieves, etc.—escaped from the Nevada Penitentiary in Carson City. One small group headed south, towards Owens Valley. Near Aurora, then a flourishing mining town, they encountered Billy Poor, mail rider, whom they killed in cold blood (one account said he was burned to death).

Next day the people of Aurora organized a posse and followed the convicts south. Word was sent ahead to Benton where another posse was organized, trailing the fugitives into Long Valley where they were eventually sighted at a camp on the shores of Monte Diablo Lake. This is the lake that soon became known as Convict Lake.

Gunfire immediately began. Two of the posse were killed. One of whom was Robert Morrison for whom Mt. Morrison (elevation 12,268 ft.) was named. The convicts escaped but were later captured in Round Valley, near Bishop, and two of them—Black and Morton—were hanged by a local group of lynchers who took them away (apparently without too much trouble) from the officers and the posse. The third convict was a youngster who, it was thought, played little part in the killings. Officers took him back to Carson City to complete his term.

That's the reason this beautiful lake, surrounded by rugged mountains and green trees, which later became one of the most popular fishing lakes in the entire Eastern High Sierras, received its peculiar name—"Convict Lake."

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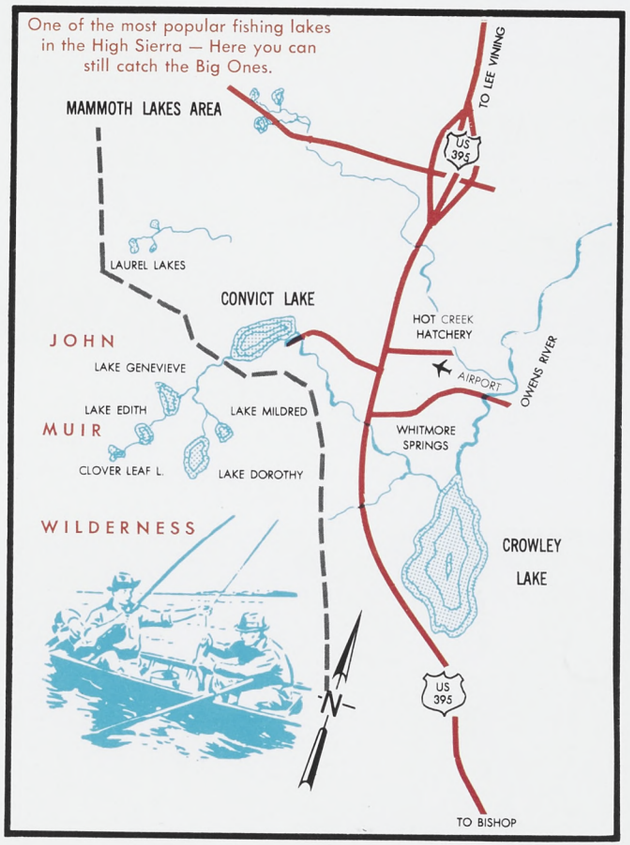

How to Reach CONVICT LAKE

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Elevation 7,583 feet

● Convict Lake Resort, one of the oldest and most popular in the Eastern High Sierra, is easy to reach. It is located only two miles from U.S. Highway 395, 35 miles north of Bishop, on a good paved road.

● To reach Convict Lake Resort from the Southland, go north on either U. S. Highway 14 from Los Angeles or U. S. 395 from San Bernardino. These highways merge just south of Little Lake and continue together to Bishop. Take U. S. 395 north from Bishop 35 miles to the Convict Lake turn-off, which is plainly marked. Our resort is only two miles from U. S. 395.

● If you're coming from Northern, Central, or the Bay Area of California you'll probably cross the Sierra mountains on Inter-State 80 to Reno, U. S. 50 to Carson City, State Route 108 (Sonora Pass Road) to Bridgeport, or State Route 120 (Tioga Pass Road) to Lee Vining. From any of these roads, drive southward on U. S. 395 to the Convict Lake turnoff.

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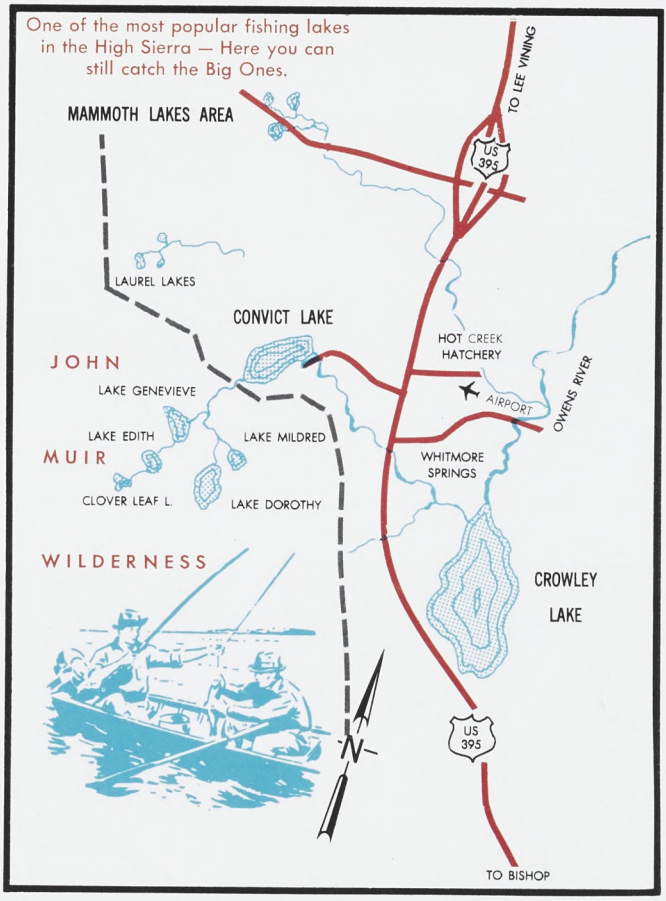

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